

765—1.5(21,327I) Public participation at open meetings. It is board policy to allow the public an opportunity to present their views at board meetings.

1.5(1) Request. Persons who wish to present their views at a board meeting shall send a written request to the secretary at the address given in rule 1.2(17A). The request shall outline the subject to be addressed at the meeting, the requested amount of time for presentation, and the name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact.

1.5(2) Response. The secretary shall grant, defer, or deny the request and shall advise the contact person.

a. If the request is granted, the secretary shall prepare the agenda and notify the contact person of the time and place for the presentation to the board.

b. If the request is deferred or denied, the secretary shall notify the contact person of the reason for the deferral or denial. The requester may appeal the deferral or denial to the board in writing. The board may overrule the secretary and schedule the presentation.

c. In all cases, notification shall be by telephone, followed by a confirming letter.

1.5(3) Registration. On the date of the board presentation, each person scheduled to make a presentation, or each member of a delegation, shall sign a registration sheet.

1.5(4) Public forum. A public forum shall be scheduled at each regular meeting to allow the public an opportunity to address the board on any issue concerning the financing of railway facilities. Time for individual presentations during the public forum may be allocated by the chairperson to give all persons wishing to speak an opportunity to do so.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 21 and section 327I.6.